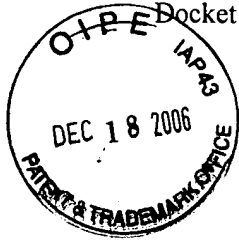


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Dear Examiner:

In response to the non-final action dated September 11, 2006, applicant respectfully resubmits the following amendment, and requests that it be entered and the following remarks considered:

- **Request for Extension of Time and/or Charge of Fees** begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND/OR CHARGE OF FEES

The required fee for a one-month extension is enclosed. It is not believed that extensions of time or additional fees are required beyond those which are provided in this filing. However, should no check be attached or should additional extensions of time or fees be necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fees required are hereby authorized to be charged to our deposit account. In the event of such charges, please advise us accordingly.